

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 3869

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy Division  
03/11/2020 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register  
Read for the Second Time

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to crime; including the unauthorized copying of data stored in computers
- 1.3 as computer theft; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 609.87, by adding
- 1.4 a subdivision; 609.89, subdivision 1.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 609.87, is amended by adding a subdivision
- 1.7 to read:
- 1.8 Subd. 17. **Data.** "Data" means records or information in digital form on a computer or
- 1.9 in software that can be stored, transmitted, or processed.
- 1.10 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 609.89, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 1.11 Subdivision 1. **Acts.** Whoever does any of the following is guilty of computer theft and
- 1.12 may be sentenced as provided in subdivision 2:
- 1.13 ~~(a)~~ (1) intentionally and without authorization or claim of right accesses or causes to be
- 1.14 accessed any computer, computer system, computer network or any part thereof for the
- 1.15 purpose of obtaining services or property; ~~or~~
- 1.16 ~~(b)~~ (2) intentionally and without claim of right, and with intent to deprive the owner of
- 1.17 use or possession, takes, transfers, conceals or retains possession of any computer, computer
- 1.18 system, or any computer software or data contained in a computer, computer system, or
- 1.19 computer network;
- 1.20 (3) intentionally and without authorization accesses or copies any computer software or
- 1.21 data and uses, alters, transfers, retains, or publishes the software or data; or

- 2.1 (4) intentionally retains copies of any computer software or data beyond the individual's  
2.2 authority.
- 2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2020, and applies to crimes  
2.4 committed on or after that date.